

**REMARKS**

Claims 9 and 10 of the subject application are currently pending. In the accompanying amendment, claim 9 has been amended and claim 10 has been cancelled. In addition new claims 11-14 have been added. These new claims are fully supported by the written description, claims, and drawings of the specification as originally filed. On account of the foregoing listed support for the claims 11-14, it is respectfully submitted that these claims do not add new matter and are thus suitable for entry, which action is earnestly solicited.

**'102 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pietzsch et al (US # 4,333,543). Applicant traverses.

Claim 9 as amended, includes the following limitations:

A housing for a weight sensor, the housing including a lower surface which includes a repeating pattern of protrusions made from an elastic material which protrusions are spaced apart to define a plurality of spaces between them so as to enhance dispersion, in use, of fluids trapped between the housing and a surface on which the housing rests when a downward force is applied to the housing, the housing being made from fluid-impervious material and the housing being shaped and configured to completely enclose the weight sensor in a fluid tight manner.

(Amended Claim 9, emphasis added)

Pietzsch describes a measuring unit having a measuring plate, an underside of which bears two elastic bars (Col. 1 lines 60-65). The underside of the measuring plate does not include a repeating pattern of protrusions as recited in claim 9. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Pietzsch does not anticipate claim 9.

Given that claims 11-14 depend on claim 9, it is respectfully submitted that Pietzsch does not anticipate claims 11-14.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (650-903-2257) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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